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On 24 May 1951, it was learned at the Soviet Zone Directorate General, [redacted] that 20,000 boxcars and gondola cars seized by the Soviets in 1945 and 1946 would be returned from Brest Litovsk, and that 3,000 eastmarks would be paid to the USSR for each car. The cars, which are in poor condition, are to be overhauled in railroad repair shops and then used to ease the strain on the Soviet Zone railroads during the harvesting period this year. *

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Comment. The return of those freightcars from the USSR was reported previously. See [redacted] Payment for those cars, which are German property, constitutes a new form of reparations. It is not believed that it will be possible to complete repairs of these cars by the fall of 1951.

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